

Facts About Veteran Suicide in Our Catchment

- Five Veteran suicides in FY18; FY17 had 11 deaths at this time
- Four deaths were Male, One female.
- Ages of Veteran at time of death were: 24, 27, 41, 61 and 69.
- Two suicides were by Gun Shot Wound, and three by OD.
- All were enrolled in the VA Health Care System
- None were on The High Risk List at time of death
- One had been on the High Risk List in the past
- All had a mental health diagnosis
- Most common mental health diagnosis was PTSD; other dx PTSD/SUD, and depression

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- Two had seen a mental health provider in the past
- One had seen a mental health provider at their last VA visit; no report of suicidal thoughts during this visit
- The average time between Veteran's last VA visit and completed suicide was 5 days
- Shortest time between last VA visit and suicide- 1 day
- Longest time between last VA visit and suicide- 10 days

Suicide Prevention Status

- Outreach: increase average of outreach contacts to 18-20 a month.
- Hope Squad.
- Visiting Veterans during in-patient care to complete suicide safety plans and transition care to the VA.